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Ms. Erica Mire, Coordinator
Edward A. Dufresne Community Center
St. Charles Parish Parks and Recreation
171 Keller Street
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057

Re: Ethics Board Docket No. 2013-861

Dear Ms. Mire:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics, at its July 19, 2013 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether the St. Charles Parish President, the St. Charles Parish Council members, the St. Charles Parish Chief Executive Officer of Operations for Parks and Recreation, and the employees of the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department would be prohibited by the Code of Governmental Ethics (Code) from renting the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center which is owned and managed by St. Charles Parish. You are employed as the Coordinator for the Edward A. Dufresne Community Center in St. Charles Parish. The Community Center is under the Parks and Recreation Department of St. Charles Parish Government.

The Board concluded, and instructed me to advise you, that the Code of Governmental Ethics would prohibit the St. Charles Parish President, the St. Charles Parish Council Members, the St. Charles Parish Chief Executive Officer over Operations for Parks and Recreation and the employees of the St. Charles Parish Parks and Recreation Department from contracting in their individual capacity to rent the Community Center. Section 1113 prohibit a public servant from contracting with his agency. The Parks and Recreation Department is within the agency of Parish President and the Parish Council members agency. The Parks and Recreation Department is the Agency for St. Charles Parish Chief Executive Officer of Operations over Parks and Recreation and all employees of Parks and Recreation.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,


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Suzanne Quinlan Mooney
For the Board